H.R. 496. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the Nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1042. An act to prevent the elimination of certain reports.

H.R. 1098. An act to improve the recording and discharging of maritime liens and expand the American Merchant Marine Memorial Wall of Honor, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1989."

The message further announced that pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mr. HASTERT of Illinois, Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, and Mr. GEPHARDT of Missouri.

At 5:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 247. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

H.R. 802. An act to authorize the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, and for other purposes

H.R. 1099. An act to make changes in laws governing Coast Guard personnel, increase marine safety, renew certain groups that advise the Coast Guard on safety issues, make miscellaneous improvements to Coast Guard operations and policies, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 69. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and urging all Contracting States to the Convention to recommend the production of practice guides.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. SAXTON of New Jersey.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Timothy J. Johnson of Minnetonka, Minnesota.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Speaker reappoints as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress the following person: Susan Palmer of Aurora, Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 114(b) of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1103), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of 6 years: Mr. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING of Laurel, Mississippi.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 114(b) of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1103), the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of 6 years: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a and clause 10 of rule I, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly: Mr. DEUTSCH of Florida, Mr. BORSKI of Pennsylvania, Mr. LANTOS of California, and Mr. RUSH of Illinois.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 247. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 496. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the Nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 802. An act to authorize the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1042. An act to prevent the elimination of certain reports; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1098. An act to improve the recording and discharging of maritime liens and expand the American Merchant Marine Memorial Wall of Honor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1099. An act to make changes in laws governing Coast Guard personnel, increase marine safety, renew certain groups that advise the Coast Guard on safety issues, make

miscellaneous improvements to Coast Guard operations and policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1989"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1123. A communications from the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the delay of a joint report on the implementation of law dealing with sharing health care cost with the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1124. A communication from the Director of Operations and Finance of the American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1125. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Congressional Budget Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Sequestration Preview Report for Fiscal Year 2002; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1997; to the Committees on the Budget; and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1126. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmiting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated March 19, 2001; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on the Budget; Appropriations; and Foreign Relations.

EC-1127. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Luxembourg, France; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1128. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1129. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1130. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed Technical Assistance Agreement with Canada. Australia.